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PATENT
Attorney Docket No. 06843.0009.08000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Keith E. Langley, et al.)
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Serial No.: 08/803,954)
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Filed: February 21, 1997)
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For: METALLOPROTEINASE INHIBITOR)

Examiner: R. Hayes
Group Art Unit: 1817

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Applicants have extended the period for response one month by the concurrent filing today of a Petition For Extension of Time and the requisite fee.

In an Office Action dated December 8, 1997, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between the claims of Group I (claims 1-11, 28-29, 31-32 and 37), the claims of Group II (claim 34), and the claims of Group III (claims 38-39).

Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group I, claims 1-11, 28-29, 31-32 and 37, drawn to polypeptides having metalloproteinase inhibitor activity, and pharmaceutical compositions, with traverse.

To the extent any further extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is required to obtain entry of this response, such extension is hereby respectfully requested. If there

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are any fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 which are not enclosed herewith, including any fees required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, please charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: February 6, 1998

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